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SUBJECT: KHMER REPRESENTATION IN THE 29TH UNGA

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1. UPON LEARNING THAT MACOVESCU WOULD STOP IN NEW YORK FOR A FEW DAYS EN ROUTE TO MEXICO, I DECIDED TO TRY TO CATCH HIM AT THE AIRPORT THIS MORNING ON THE CAMBODIAN QUESTION WITH WHICH HE IS BY FAR THE MOST FAMILIAR.

2. I GOT ONLY PART WAY THROUGH THE POINTS I WANTED TO MAKE WHEN MACOVESCU INTERRUPTED ME TO EXPRESS REGRET THAT HE AND THE SECRETARY HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO COVER THIS PROBLEM DURING THEIR WASHINGTON MEETING. HE REMINDED ME THAT ROMANIA HAD MADE SEVERAL UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS PERSUADE SIHANOUK TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH THOSE IN PHNOM PENH, AND THEN WENT ON TO STATE AS HE HAS BEFORE THAT OUR CAMBODIAN POLICY IS MUCH LESS REALISTIC THAN OUR
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VIETNAMESE POLICY AND THAT ALL WE ARE SUCCEEDING IN DOING IS MAKING

SIHANOUK, WHO IS BOUND TO COME BACK, STILL Madder, AND CREATING PROBLEMS IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE CHINESE AS WELL.

3. I ARGUED THAT SINCE THE US AND ROMANIA AT LEAST AGREED THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE THE WAY TO TRY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS, WE OUGHT TO CONCENTRATE ON SEEING WHAT COULD BE DONE TO MAKE THE UNGA DEBATE GIVE THINGS A POSITIVE PUSH IN THAT DIRECTION. THEREFORE I ASKED MACOVESCU TO HAVE HIS DELEGATION CONSULT WITH OURS TO SEE WHAT USEFUL STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN. HE AGREED TO THIS AND SAID HE WOULD ALSO USE THE FLIGHT TO NEW YORK TO REVIEW HIS DELEGATION'S POSITION PAPERS AND INSTRUCTIONS.

4. COMMENT: I DID NOT GET TO THE POINT OF PROPOSING ROMANIA ABSTAIN, A COURSE I BELIEVE THE GOR WOULD NOT TAKE, GIVEN THEIR STRONG AND RECENTLY REPEATED SUPPORT OF SIHANOUK, A SUPPORT STRENGTHENED, AS MACOVESCU RECALLED THIS MORNING, BY ROMANIAN AVERSION TO COUPS "ANYWHERE". THERE IS A CHANCE, HOWEVER, THAT USUN MAY FIND THE ROMANIAN DELEGATION RECEPTIVE TO DISCUSSING SOME WAY OF AVOIDING CONFRONTATION AT THE UNGA SUCH AS A COMPROMISE RESOLUTION APPROACH URGING PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS, IF A VAGUE ENOUGH FORMULA COULD BE FOUND TO JUSTIFY THEIR ACTION TO SIHANOUK AND THE CHINESE.
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